

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO DR. TERRY-JAN
BLACKETT-BONNETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Terry-Jan Blackett-Bonnett, an active and dedicated medical professional in my district.

From her earliest childhood memories Dr. Terry-Jan Blackett-Bonnett entertained the burning desire of someday becoming a practicing physician. After earning her high school diploma, she enrolled in St. Francis College, where she earned a baccalaureate degree in biology. She subsequently enrolled in the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and completed the requisite coursework in the United Kingdom at Eastbourne District Hospital, graduating with a Doctor of Medicine degree. A portion of her graduate curriculum included tropical medicine, requiring that she spend time working in northeast Mexico, in the state of Tamaulipas. During that time, she became adept in the use of the Spanish language. Her postgraduate work included research in the area of Human Genetics at SUNY Downstate Medical School, where she was a contributing writer to medical literature addressing the issue of a Y to X gene Translocation in Mother and Daughter.

After attaining her life long ambition, Dr. Blackett-Bonnett completed her residency training in the disciplines of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey. Upon completion of residency, she joined the staff of Interfaith Medical Center as an attending physician. She later left Interfaith as a full time physician to pursue a full-time schedule as the Medical Director of the Berean Community and Family Life Center in Brooklyn, New York with which she was affiliated since 2002. Dr. Blackett-Bonnett is currently on the medical staff of Interfaith Medical Center and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. She is also a professor at ASA Institute of Technology in Brooklyn, New York. She currently holds positions on the board of directors of early intervention programs in New York and also a contributing member on the advisory boards for several health insurance agencies.

In addition to her involvement in her church community, Dr. Blackett-Bonnett has been instrumental in organizing health fairs for churches and schools in the greater New York area. She has also been a co-laborer in medical missions to the African countries of Nigeria and South Africa, where she provided medical care and education to village residents. Dr. Blackett-Bonnett has been a member of Berean Baptist Church since 1994. She holds fast to the ideology that "as the body is clad in the cloth and flesh in the skin, and the bones in the flesh and the heart in whole so are we, soul and body clad in the goodness of God and enclosed."

She is the proud mother of Harun Ibrahim and Liam Chukwuemeka, and the loving wife of Reverend Doctor Leary Bonnett.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Blackett-Bonnett.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to lend my voice in support of the Surface Transportation Extension we are considering today. We must continue to fund ongoing projects and ensure ongoing programs don't grind to a halt. However we must continue to build on the work of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and reauthorize our surface transportation programs. Transportation is an issue that affects virtually every American every day and should never be put on the back burner. When I came to Congress I fought to become a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee because I know the importance of these issues for the people of the California 37th as well as every American. I support limiting the extension to 3 months so these issues stay on the forefront of our agenda.

Report after report has outlined the unacceptable current state of our deteriorating transportation system and called for major and immediate reform. As a country we waste billions of dollars every year with unnecessary delays due to a crumbling and over-congested surface transportation system. We need to fundamentally rethink the way we move people and goods. We must simplify our transportation programs and focus on a performance based system. Finally, we must make the tough choices about how to fund these programs and avoid having to continuously patch the highway trust fund.

Transportation experts around the country agree this is a time for a bold new transportation vision and I look forward to working with my colleagues to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Program before the extension before us today runs out.

HONORING DARDEN RESTAURANTS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor a great American company. For more than 40 years, Darden Restaurants has been nourishing and delighting guests through the operation of some of the most popular restaurant brands in the country,

including Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Long-Horn Steakhouse, the Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52.

I'm proud to say that central Florida has always been, and will continue to be, home for Darden. The company has been instrumental in helping shape the growth and development of the region through its impassioned involvement and support of the community. Through corporate involvement, restaurant donations and support from the Darden Foundation and Environmental Trust, Darden has contributed millions of dollars to community based organizations and programs over the years.

Today, Darden has once again demonstrated its commitment to central Florida with the opening on September 30, 2009, of a new \$1.52 million, state-of-the-art corporate headquarters in my district that keeps 1,300 jobs in the region.

Not only is Darden one of the leading employers in region, it's also the 29th largest private employer in America—employing 180,000 people in 49 States.

Further, through all of its growth, Darden leads in its environmental stewardship and has remained committed to sustainability. Its new facility is on track to receive Gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for new construction from the United States Green Building Council. Upon final certification, it will be the largest newly constructed Gold LEED certified building in Florida. Additionally, Darden established the Darden Environmental Trust in 1997, which has contributed over \$3 million to organizations that promote sustainability. Since 1997, the Darden Environmental Trust has actively engaged in the protection of endangered sea turtles, the whooping crane, and has assisted in the funding of the Blowing Rocks preserve project, that is working to restore a section of delicate coastline in central Florida. Finally, Darden is helping to lead the way in helping to reduce the overfishing of lobster and wild fish species, and promoting new sustainable seafood products that improve the overall long term health of the world's increasingly fragile fisheries.

Madam Speaker, I would like to commend Darden on its vision and commitment to building stronger communities through its "best of class" restaurant operations, its commitment to the environment and sustainability practices, and its continued investment in my community and thousands of communities across the country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present:

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A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA W. EVANS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Andrea Evans, Chairwoman of New York State Board of Parole and Chief Executive Officer New York State Division of Parole.

Ms. Evans has worked the majority of her professional career in the borough of Brooklyn. For the past 25 years, she has been a member and served in a leadership capacity as the business administrator at the Rehoboth Cathedral, which is pastored by Bishop Gerald Seabrooks. Ms. Evans was most recently Director of the Division of Parole for Region II, an area encompassing Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. In this position, she was responsible for the operation of nine area offices, and the Queensboro Correctional Facility. Prior to this role, Ms. Evans served as Deputy Regional Director for Region I, where she managed the operation of five field offices in Bronx County.

From 2000 to 2006, Ms. Evans served as Special Assistant to the Downstate Director of Operations. From 1997 to 2000, she worked as an Investigator in the Division of Parole's Office for Professional Responsibility, where she conducted investigations into allegations of professional misconduct. From 1994 to 1997, Ms. Evans was a Senior Parole Officer and served as Acting Supervisor in the Bronx Area Office. Additionally, she worked as a Parole Revocation Officer from 1990 to 1994. Ms. Evans began her career with the Division in 1986 as a Parole Officer. Prior to joining the State Division of Parole, Ms. Evans worked for the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council from 1979 to 1986, a community-based family services and support organization dedicated to foster care.

Ms. Evans holds a B.A. in Psychology from the City College of New York. She is a Queens resident and is the proud mother of one adult daughter.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Andrea Evans.

WELCOMING SOUTH KOREAN FIRST LADY KIM YOON-OK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most graceful and impor-

tant women to grace our shores, the distinguished First Lady of the Republic of Korea, Kim Yoon-Ok.

Ms. Yoon-ok majored in public health education at Ewha Woman's University, the fourth First Lady to have graduated from this prestigious university. While her husband's career eventually took him from the private sector to the highest public office in their country, she has carved out her own reputation as a strong advocate of the rights of women, children and families in South Korea and around the world.

Ms. Yoon-ok was in New York last week, not only accompanying her husband's visit to the United Nations but also hosting a luncheon in honor of those soldiers—American and Korean—who gave their lives for their democratic nation. It is a war that I am quite familiar with. More than 50 years ago, I fought with millions of Americans to help preserve South Korea's independence during the invasion from communist Korea in 1950. That is why I was very happy this summer when President Obama signed a bill into law that recognized these sacrifices. The bill that I introduced recognizes the 1953 armistice with the display of the American flag each July 27th, that day declared as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

As a Korean war veteran, it gives me great pride to see how the nation has flourished as a democratic and free people. Today, the Republic of Korea is the 13th largest economy in the world and the United States' 8th largest trading partner. Recently, the IMF raised Korea's growth forecast for this year from the growth amount that was originally projected a few months ago, further stating that the nation's growth will increase 2.5 percent next year.

Freedom, of course, is not something that is static. It must be fought for and defended by every generation. So, as the relationships between our two countries continue to grow and deepen, we cannot forget that our economic and cultural prosperity is built on the achievements and accomplishments of our ancestors. It is a sacrifice we are proud to celebrate, today and forever.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTOPHER DIMATTIO, THE 2009 RECIPIENT OF THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY COLUMBUS DAY ASSO- CIATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Christopher DiMattio, who was named recipient of the 2009 Man of the Year Award from the Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Columbus Day Association.

Mr. DiMattio will be honored this year at the annual dinner to be held Sunday, October 11, at the Genetti Manor in Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

A native of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, Mr. DiMattio is the youngest son of Louis and Catherine Summa DiMattio. He graduated from St. Anthony's School and Bishop O'Hara High School as well as Marywood University where he earned a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. He remained active at Marywood and served three terms on the Board of Trustees and established several endowment and scholarship funds. He is a recipient of the Alumni Society's "Recent Graduate Award" and the "Presidential Scholarship Honoree" for outstanding community service.

Mr. DiMattio is a member of the "Chairman's Club," the highest award for production of financial services at the parent company, INVEST Financial Corporation and, last year, he was cited as the top producer in the entire Nation. A past director of the National Advisory Board, he is frequently called on to present at various bank and financial institutions both regionally and nationally. He is an Accredited Investment Fiduciary as well as a member of various professional organizations in the finance and investment areas, primarily concentrating in business retirement plans.

Mr. DiMattio served two terms as a director of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and he is a member of the Scranton-Lackawanna Industrial Building Corporation.

Mr. DiMattio served on the board of directors for many charitable, civic, religious and cultural organizations. He is active in UNICO National where he currently serves as Executive Vice President and will become National President next July as well as the Scranton Chapter's Secretary. He is the volunteer event chairman and president of La Festa Italiana and he serves on the board of the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, Little Flower Manor of the Diocese of Scranton and he chairs the annual coat drive for the Head Start program of the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency. Mr. DiMattio has been the recipient of many honors for his community service including the "Bronze Medallion of the Legion of Honor" by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, the Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser by the Northeast Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, UNICO Member of the Year Wall of Fame by Bishop O'Hara High School, Community Roast by Family Services, Honorary Delta Mu Delta by Marywood University's Business Department, Past President's Award by the Columbus Day Association, the Victor Alfieri Literary Society, the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men and by the Greater Scranton Jaycees where he was also honored for the founding of the Santa Parade. He has also been honored by the City of Scranton and Lackawanna County for service to the community and by the Volunteer Action Center with the JC Penney's Golden Rule Award. In 1992, he was chairman of the Columbus Quincentenary Parade celebrating the 500th anniversary of America.

Mr. DiMattio resides in Moscow, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the former Ann Celli, and their two sons, Louis Carlo and Robert Christopher.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. DiMaggio on this auspicious occasion. His remarkable spirit of volunteerism and community service should be an inspiration for all, as his accomplishments have improved the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CASEYVILLE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 200th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville, Illinois.

The year 1809 was important in the history of our Nation and the State of Illinois. While James Madison was inaugurated as our young Nation's fourth President and Robert Fulton received a patent on his new invention, the steam boat, the Illinois Territory was formed by an Act of Congress and Abraham Lincoln was born in the backwoods of Kentucky. At the same time, a group of Christians who had concerns about the pro-slavery position of some members of their former church formed the Baptist Church of Christ, Friends to Humanity, which would later become Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville.

James Lemen, Sr., was the first pastor of the new church and the congregation would meet in the houses of members, traveling up to 36 miles by horseback to attend services. As the congregation grew, the need for a permanent church structure became apparent and the first meeting house was built in 1825.

During the church's early years, members continued to hold strong abolitionist positions. The church building was used as a station along the Underground Railroad, with fugitive slaves hiding in a crawl space under the church floor. To commemorate this important period, when a new floor was installed in the 1940s, a trap door was installed so the original trap door, through which the fugitive slaves would enter their hiding place, could be seen.

Many changes occurred during the history of the church, many of which mirrored what was going on as our Nation grew. Wars and economic disasters took their toll on the congregation and, for a period during the Great Depression, the church was closed. During that time, concerned parishioners would gather the children of the area into their homes to continue to spread the Word of God.

Responding to the needs of the flock, the church membership was reorganized and the church reopened in 1938. Due to the efforts of many in the congregation, the church rebounded and membership grew.

As they celebrate their past during this historic anniversary year, the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville also looks forward to the future. Their strong commitment to their faith, their families and their community is reflected in their invitation for their bicentennial observance, "Celebrate God's Goodness with Us!"

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 200th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville and wishing them the best for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. EMMANUEL NWOZUZU

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Emmanuel Nwozuzu, CEO of ACE-IT Educational Consultants and an accomplished educator in my community.

Dr. Nwozuzu was born in Umuoba Uratta Owerri Imo State Nigeria on April 14, 1942, in the middle of the Second World War to a family of six. At the time of his birth, Emmanuel's late father was a sub Army Tailor contractor in Calabara seaport in the Southern Eastern tip of Nigeria. Emmanuel's parents Catherine and Christopher were firm believers in education, having seen at first-hand the advantages of education among people in the army. They invested all that they had in educating all their six children.

Emmanuel obtained his Bachelors in the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1970, taught sciences in Eastern Region of Nigeria and Benue Plateau State of Nigeria where he was selected later to be the Principal of a school at a very young age of 29. There he worked hard to upgrade the school from a community secondary school to prestigious Kanam Government Secondary. While Principal, Emmanuel went to school and obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Education from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria.

Dr. Nwozuzu had the opportunity to immigrate to the United States to pursue further education, he obtained his Masters degree in Education in 1982 at Iowa State University in Science and Technology. It was Emmanuel's major Professor, Kahler who literally "coaxed" him to register for a doctoral program and gave him a job as an Assistant Research fellow.

In 1985, Dr. Nwozuzu took up a teaching position at the New York City Board of Education where he taught subjects from chemistry and physics to reading and writing. On May 1, 1990, the Principal of P.S. 9 recommended Dr. Nwozuzu for recognition from the Board of Education for Outstanding Leadership in Shepherd Program. In 1992, Dr. Nwozuzu was recognized by Kodak Company for the beautification of a triangular inner city park.

In 2005, Dr. Nwozuzu was awarded a teaching merit award from the Secretary of Education in Washington, DC, and in that same year was awarded the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Teachers Award. Now retired, Dr. Nwozuzu is the CEO of ACE-IT Educational Consultants.

Dr. Nwozuzu is the author of Voice of Generators Past, the Pulse of the Igbo, an African Tribe, a social commentary, a voice that narrates the changing effects in a traditional village in Africa published by Xlibris, PA.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Emmanuel Nwozuzu.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MS. SARITA BROWN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Sarita Brown upon receiving the 2009 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. Ms. Brown is highly regarded for her hard work and dedication towards accelerating Latino success in higher education. For over two decades she has served as a shining example for students of Latino heritage.

Ms. Brown started her professional career at the University of Texas at Austin. There she built a national model to promote minority success in graduate education. In 1993, her endeavors carried her to Washington where she joined the Department of Education during the Clinton Administration. As Executive Director of the White House Initiative for Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans, she was tasked with the goal of implementing effective strategies to raise academic achievement and opportunities for low-income and minority students nationwide.

After her time in the administration, Ms. Brown applied her talents and experience to the nonprofit sector, serving as a leader among her colleagues and in her community. Ms. Brown is the co-founder and current President of Excelencia in Education, a not-for-profit organization working to promote Latino educational success in the classroom by linking research, policy, and effective practices in public policy.

Ms. Brown currently sits on the Board of Directors for ACT Inc., the National College Access Network (NCAN) and on advisory boards for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and the Journal of Hispanic Higher Education. In January 2009, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine bestowed the honor of appointing her to the Board of Visitors for Old Dominion University.

In addition to being an expert on education, Ms. Brown is also an outstanding public speaker. Each year, she travels around the country advocating for the issues she has spent her career championing: promoting access and support for Latinos to receive a higher education.

On behalf of the citizens of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate and applaud Ms. Brown for her life's work. She is most deserving of the 2009 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. May it serve to bolster her on to even greater achievements in the years to come.

RECOGNIZES THE EFFORTS OF AGRONOMIST AND NOBEL LAUREATE NORMAN BORLAUG

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker: I rise to recognize and pay my respects to the late Norman Borlaug, who passed away earlier this month.

The father of the Green Revolution, and one of only six people in history to have won the Nobel Peace Prize, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Congressional Medal of Honor, Dr. Borlaug may just be the most underappreciated genius in human history. In the annals of our species' time on Earth, he stands like a Colossus. It is no exaggeration to say—indeed it is said often—that Dr. Borlaug saved more lives than anyone else who has ever lived, and that he quite literally changed the fate of our world.

Born in 1914 in Saude, Iowa, Norman Borlaug spent his formative years working on the family farm, leaving, Borlaug said later in life, only because of some sage advice offered by his grandfather—"You're wiser to fill your head now if you want to fill your belly later on." With the help of a gift for wrestling—and Franklin Roosevelt's National Youth Administration—Borlaug enrolled in the University of Minnesota in 1933, supplementing his meager resources with stints in the Civilian Conservation Corps and the United States Forestry Service. He graduated in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, following it up with a Masters of Science in 1940 and a Doctorate in plant pathology and genetics in 1942.

After serving the World War II effort as a microbiologist at DuPont, Borlaug moved to Mexico in 1944 to take part in a Rockefeller Foundation project aimed at boosting wheat production. There, the true work of his life began.

At the time, Mexican farmers were able to raise less than half of the wheat they needed to feed their population, mainly due to a debilitating fungus known as rust. For the next 13 years, Borlaug experimented with and cross-bred strains of wheat from all over the world to develop a grain that was rust-resistant. When that success was finally achieved, other problems emerged. The new blend of wheat, while resistant to rust and many other diseases, was top-heavy and would break easily. So Borlaug looked to shorter Japanese dwarf strains, and the Green Revolution began in earnest.

By 1956, thanks to Dr. Borlaug's efforts, Mexico grew two to three times more wheat than before, and was self-sufficient in wheat. From there, spurred on by the Rockefeller Foundation and the United Nations, Borlaug brought his extraordinary insights to the rest of the globe. In India and Pakistan, North Africa and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Philippines, where scientists followed Borlaug's pioneering vision to create a new strand of rice, Borlaug's hard work and amazing insights transformed agriculture and allowed for incredible new yields all over a hungry world.

In 1970, Norman Borlaug won the Nobel Peace Prize for the transformation he had achieved. In an age that was greatly concerned about the dire consequences of exploding population, Borlaug utilized science, innovation, and his "Iowa-stubborn tenacity" to lead the whole world forward. He remains the only agricultural scientist to have ever won the Nobel Prize—Indeed, in part to correct this oversight, Borlaug later helped to found the World Food Prize, to encourage agronomists of later generations to follow in his footsteps.

Borlaug was not only a pioneering scientist but a pioneering humanitarian. I had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Borlaug several times over the past few years, and he was a

consistent and forceful advocate on global food issues. He dedicated his days not only to feeding hungry people and helping them achieve self-sufficiency, but to improving their lives in any way he could. A professor at Texas A&M University for many years, Borlaug also served as an important advisor to governments around the world and a compelling advocate for the many virtues of agricultural science. To say nothing of his continuing stints as Boy Scout Troopmaster and Mexico's first Little League Baseball coach, and of his life as a husband and father.

After his passing on September 13, 2009, Borlaug's children asked that he be remembered as "a model for making a difference in the lives of others and to bring about efforts to end human misery for all mankind." And so he was, and so he shall. The world has lost one of its great men in Norman Borlaug, and we are all the poorer for it. Nonetheless, his remarkable contributions to our people and our planet will last longer than any of us.

COMMENDING YIXIAO WANG OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptionally talented student, Yixiao Wang of Westfield, NJ. Yixiao, along with three other teammates representing the United States, recently participated in the 41st International Chemistry Olympiad, winning one gold and three silver medals in Cambridge, England.

The U.S. Team competed against 250 students from 65 countries in a battery of exams including theoretical and practical applications. Yixiao placed in the top 10 percent earning him a gold medal. The four students were selected from over 11,000 talented high school chemistry students who had participated at the local level, and are representative of the brightest chemistry students in the Nation.

The International Chemistry Olympiad was created in 1968 to enhance friendly relations among young people from different countries. Since then, thousands of students have participated in this rigorous competition to recognize the most talented students in the world.

I would like to congratulate Yixiao for his exemplary performance, which undoubtedly required disciplined, diligent studies. His is a shining example of the dedication the faculty at Westfield High School have towards helping their students achieve greatness. Yixiao will surely have a bright future in any of his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. R. SANDLIN LOWE III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe III, a fac-

ulty member of the New York University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lowe was born in Tallapoosa County, Alabama and grew up on the family farm in Coosa County, the poorest county in Alabama. He was influenced greatly by his grandfather, Braxton Hughes Smith, who as a Christian man taught him much about faith and patience, hard work and perseverance; a farmer lives out these things every day. The work on the farm was done by hand with mules pulling the ploughs through the earth and men coming to pick the cotton and corn that grew. It was a life out of Faulkner—trips to the blacksmith's shed to reshape and sharpen ploughshares, killing hogs in the winters, the spring plantings and the eventide hymns as men finished the day's work—a wondrous grounding.

The College and Medical School at Tulane University in New Orleans followed where the interests in human nature and all things human found outlets in anthropology and then later medicine, sparked interest in Dr. Lowe. While attending medical school, Dr. Lowe came to New York City to Bellevue Hospital in the fall of 1986—he has been affiliated with Bellevue either as a student, intern, resident or attending physician ever since.

Currently a member of the Faculty of the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Lowe's interests and work in brain injury and autism are personal. His research at the Brain Research Laboratories with his recently deceased friend, Roy John, and his work with his mentor and friend, Rodolfo Llinas, in the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience have led to an innovative theory of coma and vegetative states that is strangely enough applicable to autism spectrum conditions. Dr. Lowe continues his work on this issue in hopes that this work will continue to bear fruit.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe III.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AARON HANEY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Aaron Haney showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Aaron Haney was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Aaron Haney always displayed sportsmanship on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Aaron Haney on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

RECOGNITION OF EARL W. RILINGTON, SR., OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the retirement of Mr. Earl W. Rilington, Sr., from a lifetime of service to the pulp and paper industry of southeast Georgia.

Mr. Rilington spent his early childhood in Sylvania, Georgia. He has been a resident of Savannah for over 50 years. In 1969, he married his high school sweetheart, the late LaVenia Salley Wyley Rilington, and had their first child, Earlanda.

Mr. Rilington was employed with Union Camp, and later, International Paper for 40 years. He began work in the box plant as a slitterman in 1969, making boxes to be shipped all over the world for everyday uses. He attended school at Savannah State University and earned a promotion to electrician in 1973. As an electrician, he ensured the operational efficiency of all major plant equipment such as boilers and presses. The Rilington family has a noteworthy history with International Paper. Mr. Rilington's father, Willie V. Rilington, Sr., was employed with International Paper's predecessor, Union Camp for 23 years as a box car loader and truck driver. Earl's son, William Michael Rilington, is currently in training for instruments and controls with International Paper.

As Mr. Rilington enters his well-deserved retirement he can look forward to pursuing his hobbies, spending time with family and friends and traveling. Whether at the bowling alley every Monday and Thursday night or leading the Usher Board at Conner's Temple Baptist Church, we can be assured that our country is what it is today thanks to the contributions he has made throughout his lifetime. I rise today to recognize Mr. Rilington as a model husband, father, and citizen. We commemorate his retirement from a lifetime of service to the pulp and paper industry of Southeast Georgia on this day October 30, 2009.

REMEMBERING JAMES D. RANGE

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember James D. Range, a beloved father, son, brother, and friend.

Jim died peacefully, surrounded by family and loved ones, on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, after an extraordinarily courageous battle with kidney cancer. He was 63 years old.

A Johnson City, Tennessee, native, Jim was a life long outdoorsman who loved America's wild spaces and loved hunting and fishing.

He was respected as a passionate advocate for the country's fish and wildlife and their habitat and one of the Nation's most prominent champions of natural resource conservation.

In the 1970's, Jim was a trusted advisor and counsel to Senate Majority Leader Howard

Baker and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee where he served with verve and integrity.

During his time in the Senate, Jim was instrumental in the conservation of many different corners of the American landscape and integral in the crafting and final passage of a string of landmark laws such as the Clean Water Act.

Even after his time spent on Capitol Hill, Jim displayed an unrivaled commitment to our nation's natural resources and outdoor traditions by co-founding and serving as chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

He furthered his service to the cause of conservation through work on the Boards of Directors for Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, the Wetlands America Trust, the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, the American Sportfishing Association, the American Bird Conservancy, the Pacific Forest Trust, the Yellowstone Park Foundation, the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Sportfishing and Boating Partnership Council, and the Valles Caldera Trust.

Through this work, Jim received such honors as the U.S. Department of the Interior's Great Blue Heron Award, the 2003 Outdoor Life Magazine Conservationist of the Year and the Norville Prosser Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the American Sportfishing Association.

He left both the political and natural landscape in which he lived, loved, worked and played better than when he found it. His achievements in conserving the valuable wild and natural resources of the country are unparalleled and he lived his extraordinary life with integrity, humor and goodwill he displayed in all his pursuits.

He left a legacy to all his family, friends and colleagues of a vision for a growing understanding and appreciation of our natural world and a daily commitment to conserving it for future generations.

Madam Speaker, please join our colleagues and me in recognizing Jim Range's accomplishments and contributions.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITING PARK

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I take this moment to congratulate the city of Whiting, Indiana, in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Whiting Park. Throughout the years, Whiting Park has been an integral part of the community providing residents with a place to create lasting memories while preserving the history of the city. Whiting commemorated this extraordinary milestone on July 18, 2009, with a celebration in the park presented by the Whiting Park Festival Orchestra.

In the early 1900s the idea for Whiting Park began to take shape. Many activists in the area, at the time, could envision the potential for a magnificent park that would serve to bring the community closer together. In 1908, Frank Long, Chairman of the City Council

Park Committee, along with Mayor Fred J. Smith, helped the city to acquire 22 acres of land bounded by Front and 117th Streets, the New York Central Railroad tracks and Lake Michigan. Whiting purchased the land from the Forsythe Estate for \$75,000. Whiting Park continued to expand, and by the 1920s the park included a man-made lagoon, fountains, attractive walkways, a baseball diamond, trapshooting facility, tennis courts, a playground, and a pavilion used for ballroom dancing and different music venues. In addition, a bath house was built for the beach lakefront activities, which included two waterslides and a diving board. The winter months at the park were filled with ice skaters, sledding, and ice hockey games. Over the next two and a half decades, thousands of people would flock to Whiting Park for the amenities on the land and in the water, all year round making the park one of the most popular on the entire lake-shore.

The next 30 years proved to be a troublesome time for Whiting Park, and there were many factors that led to the downfall of the park's glorious days of the past. Whiting Park Beach was closed in the late 1940s due to a high bacteria count in the water. The war emergency, at the time, led to limited city and federal funding for the upkeep of the park and beach. While there were proposed solutions over the years to bring back the Whiting Park of the past, many of them fell through. People began to think that the once famous Whiting Park would never be restored.

Finally, in 1977, the Whiting Park and Recreation Board was established. Through the efforts of the Parks Department, the beach was reopened on August 23, 1981, and came to be known as Whihala Beach County Park. The name "Whihala" stands for Whiting, Hammond, and Lake County Parks Department. With the new beach open, the Whiting Parks Department began again to concentrate on restoring the beauty of Whiting Park. Over the years, volunteer groups spent much time planting new flowers, and restoring the main garden, pond and waterfall area near the entrance of the park, bringing the park back to life. Today, Whiting Park spans approximately 15 acres and includes playground equipment, walking paths, four tennis courts, one baseball diamond, picnic facilities, a concession area, a fishing pier, two sand volleyball courts, an inline skate/hockey rink, and a fish pond including a waterfall.

As Whiting Park celebrates its 100th anniversary, there are also many innovative plans for the future, including working to become an integral part of the proposed Marquette Plan, a project that will better utilize Northwest Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the city of Whiting on their 100th anniversary of Whiting Park. Throughout the years, Whiting Park has been a historical reminder of a city whose people continue to push forward with enthusiasm and faith to return this park to one of the most prized recreational lakefronts in the region, just as it was at the turn of the century. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of our deepest admiration.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. THEOPHINE
ABAKPORO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Theophine Abakporo, Medical Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine & Pre-Hospital Care at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center and dedicated public servant.

Dr. Theophine Abakporo, MD was born in Nigeria in 1964. During his childhood, he was deeply influenced by the devastating experience of growing up in a country at war. He witnessed the effects the war had on his local community—displacement, premature deaths, injuries, disease and poverty. As he grew older, he realized the importance of community organizations and public service.

At the age of 23, Dr. Abakporo obtained his MD degree from Jos Medical School in Nigeria. Upon graduation, he was appointed Medical Officer with the Nigerian Army Field Ambulance. Subsequently, he relocated to the United States to pursue his postgraduate medical education. In 1995, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Brookdale University Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. He is board certified in internal medicine and emergency medicine.

In response to the increasing need for disaster awareness and management he took further training and certification. He is certified by the United States Department of Homeland Security in healthcare leadership and administrative decision-making in response to weapons of mass destruction (WMD). He is certified by the United States Army in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive incidents (CBRNE). In addition, he is certified by the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) in online medical control.

While pursuing his medical career Dr. Abakporo became deeply involved in the health care needs of the inner-city communities in the United States. Dr. Abakporo worked hard and committed himself to participating in the health outreach and other programs related to the well being of the Brooklyn communities such as Ocean Hill, Brownsville, East New York, Bed-Stuy, Bushwick and Ridgewood communities. This strong willingness to help and care for people, contributed to his interest and focus in the field of emergency medicine and pre-hospital care.

In 1996, Dr. Abakporo joined Wyckoff Heights Medical Center as an Attending Physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine. His leadership, hard work and dedication earned him a promotion as Assistant Director in 2005. Dr. Abakporo currently serves as Medical Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine & Pre-Hospital Care at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center.

In 2008, Dr. Abakporo was honored by the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center's Nursing Administration for his motivation, excellence, dedication and service to the patients and staff. He received the Nursing Recognition Award for Physician Education & Nursing Collaboration.

Dr. Abakporo is a member of World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM); the American Association of Physi-

cian Specialists, and the American College of Physicians.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Theophine Abakporo.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ADAM MIZER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE- BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Adam Mizer on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE U.S.S. COD'S 50 YEARS IN CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the U.S.S. Cod's 50 Years in Cleveland celebration on August 14th, 2009. The celebration featured a special free admission day for the public and ceremony to mark the golden anniversary and restoration of the Cod's Cleveland-built diesel engines. The ceremony concluded with a salute to the people of Cleveland with the firing of the Cod's deck gun.

On March 21, 1943 the U.S.S. Cod was launched and its engines, built in a General Motors plant on Cleveland's west side, powered the submarine around the globe. According to Dr. John Fakan, president of the non-profit U.S.S. Cod Submarine Memorial, "GM built Cod's five diesels right here in Cleveland, but it didn't end there. Much of the steel plate that forms her hull was made in Cleveland and Youngstown steel mills from Great Lakes ore." Through her heroic missions in World War II, Cleveland-based training programs during the Cold War, and place as a historic site and submarine memorial in Cleveland, the U.S.S. Cod has become a national symbol.

After her successful WW II service in the Pacific Ocean, the Cod continued to protect America in the Cold War by training NATO anti-submarine forces in the Atlantic Ocean. In 1959 the Cod was brought to Cleveland to serve as a dockside trainer for reservists, and instantly became popular with the public. Citizens were allowed to tour the sub when the Navy wasn't conducting training aboard, and these civilian tours continued even after the Navy declared the Cod obsolete in 1971 and began the scrap process.

Despite the Navy's decision, the people of Cleveland saved the Cod from being scrapped. School children, veterans groups, Scouts and "Save the Cod," a group formed by local business leaders in 1972, all banded together to raise money and save the historic and symbolic submarine. In 1976 the Navy turned the Cod over to her civilian caretakers, who immediately began restoring the Cod to the original beauty that she was while defending America. In 1986 these efforts were recognized by the Federal Government which declared the Cod a National Historic Landmark. The Cod's world-class restoration continues today, focusing on her Cleveland-built engines.

The Cod's caretakers estimate that more than a million people have toured the Cod in the 50 years she has called Cleveland home. In addition to being a popular attraction on Cleveland's lakefront, the Cod has also helped bring revenue into downtown by hosting television and film documentaries as well as military reunions and other special projects.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the celebration of the U.S.S. Cod's 50 Years in Cleveland. The U.S.S. Cod (SS 214) is both a floating memorial to U.S. submariners who gave their lives defending freedom as well as a unique piece of Cleveland's industrial history.

RECOGNIZING THE JOINT COMMUNITY POLICE PROJECT IN MINNESOTA

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Joint Community Police Project (JCPP), an initiative of the Hopkins, Richfield, Brooklyn Park, and Brooklyn Center Police Forces in Hennepin County, Minnesota, for being selected by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as the winner of the 2009 Civil Rights Award.

The IACP is made up of over 20,000 law enforcement members at command level in 89+ countries. This is the first time the JCPP has received programming recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

These four aforementioned cities live the value of civil rights through the actions of the Joint Community Policing Project—which strives to enhance communication and understanding between police and multicultural residents to improve public safety and livability in the community.

I invite all the members of Congress to join me in recognizing the excellent work of these four fine Minnesota police forces of Hopkins, Richfield, Brooklyn Center, and Brooklyn Park for reaching out to new Americans within our cities and providing the services, hospitality, and valued information to make them welcome, active participants in our community.

In 2009, I proposed and Congress approved a \$100,000 appropriation to continue the work of the Joint Community Police Partnership. One example of their work can be seen in Hopkins, where some of the appropriated funds enabled JCPP to hire a Somali college student to work as Public Service Officer for

the Hopkins Police Department. Already they are witnessing a powerful positive reaction by the young immigrant children when the youth see this young man in a Hopkins Police Department uniform at the schools and in their apartment complexes. In addition, funds from this appropriation are being used to bring in successful Somali women from the community to speak to the school club, to mentor them in making positive choices, help build their self esteem, and counsel them to avoid involvement in gangs.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the Joint Community Police Partnership for being a model of excellence both in our country and abroad.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to object to the process by which the majority has brought the continuing resolution to the floor of the House of Representatives. While we can all agree that it is sometimes necessary to adopt a continuing resolution to keep federal government programs running in the new fiscal year as the respective Appropriations Subcommittees finalize their conference reports, attaching the resolution to the conference report for appropriations for the Legislative Branch is inappropriate and a direct attempt by the majority to stifle debate in this House.

Further, Madam Speaker, the majority's action in this instance is just one more swipe at the minority in a pattern that began at the start of this body's deliberation on Appropriations bills earlier this summer. It has continued to stifle debate throughout the process by restricting the minority's ability to offer amendments to these important funding bills. Over the summer months in which we considered all 12 appropriations bills, the majority's structured rules permitted the minority to offer just over 100 amendments, of which only approximately 50 per cent were on substantive issues directly impacting policy and/or program funding levels. That's just 50 amendments on real policy, impacting government spending on specific programs across the entire federal government.

Following on this abysmal stifling of Republican amendments on these bills, Madam Speaker, next the majority has again found a way to prevent meaningful debate on the funding resolution which continues to keep the government open by attaching it to the conference report on the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill. Since the conference report cannot be amended, there was no opportunity for another point of view in continuing the government's operations. Madam Speaker, this behavior is not merely frustrating, but it also works directly against the very backbone of our nation—a democracy with free and open debate on issues.

It is my sincere hope that in the future, Madam Speaker, regardless of which party holds the majority in the House, we can

change course from this current process and instead open these important spending bills, including the continuing resolution, to amendment through an open process.

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL R. LEHNERT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the United States Marine Corps are exceptional. For more than thirty-five years this man has served our nation in the most outstanding and dedicated manner. On the occasion of his retirement, I feel it only right to recognize the magnificent service Major General Michael R. Lehnert has performed for our country.

Major General Lehnert graduated from Central Michigan University in 1973 with an undergraduate degree in History and commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the PLC program. After attending the Marine Officers Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, he was transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Assignments at Camp Lejeune included engineer platoon commander and maintenance officer LSU-32 and S-4, H&S Battalion, 2nd FSSG. Assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion in Okinawa Japan, he served as Bn Operations Officer and finished his tour as commander Company A, 9th Engineers.

In 1977, he was ordered to Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines as the Operations Officer. In 1978, he took command of Company A, Marine Barracks, Subic Bay. In 1979, Major General Lehnert attended the U.S. Army Advanced Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. After graduation, he served as Executive Officer, USMC Recruiting Station, San Antonio, Texas. He was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California in 1983 and held the following assignments from 1983 to 1986. Company Commander, Company C, 1st Landing Support Battalion Commanding Officer, Combat Service Support Detachment 11 Commanding Officer, Combat Service Support Detachment 16 Executive Officer, MAU Service Support Group 17 Landing Force Support Party Cdr, BSSG 7 MEF Engineer, First Marine Amphibious Force.

In 1987, he was selected for Armed Forces Staff College. After graduation, he was assigned to the United States Southern Command in the J-3 Operations Directorate as Chief, Central American Exercise Branch. During the Panama crisis, he participated in Operation Just Cause and Operation Promote Liberty. Major General Lehnert was reassigned in 1990 as Inspector-Instructor, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Portland, Oregon. He was selected for top level school, completed the Naval War College in 1993 and was awarded a masters degree in International and Strategic Studies.

In 1993, he was assigned to the Joint Warfighting Center in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Chief of the Futures Branch, Doctrine Division. In 1995, he reported to 2d MAW and participated in Operation Sea Signal, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as Commander, Joint Task Group Bulkeley, JTF 160, where he

commanded the security forces responsible for operation of Cuban and Haitian migrant camps. Major General Lehnert commanded Marine Wing Support Group 27 at Cherry Point, North Carolina from 23 May 1996 to 28 May 1998. He was reassigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 II MEF. In 1999, he deployed to Panama as the Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Panama to oversee the final turnover of the Canal and the remaining military bases.

His first tour as a general officer was at Headquarters Marine Corps, where he served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics. He took command of 2d Force Service Support Group in July 2001 and in January 2002, he deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as Commander, Joint Task Force 160. JTF 160's mission was to construct and operate the detention facilities for Taliban and Al Qaeda detainees. In 2003, he deployed with the 2d FSSG to the CENTCOM theater and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom as Commander, Marine Logistics Command. His most recent assignment was as Chief of Staff, United States Southern Command, Miami, Florida.

Decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Navy Commendation Medal with gold star and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Major General Lehnert has consistently shown genuine concern for those who serve in his command, regularly placing their comfort and support above his own. He and his wife, Denise, are a prototype for general officers who have the honor to follow them in command.

On the occasion of his retirement, and on behalf of the people of the United States whom he has served with courage and honor, we commemorate the exceptional service of Major General Michael R. Lehnert.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALEX KNECHT FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Alex Knecht on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008-2009 baseball season.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
STAN HASSE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stan Haase, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

Stan Haase was born on July 22, 1924 in Kitchener, Ontario to Adolph Carl and Anna Caroline Haase. His parents bought a home on Cedar Street, where they raised Stan and his younger brother Gerald. The Haase family enjoyed spending their weekends together at Stan's great-grandmother's house where they took pleasure in square dancing and playing their favorite card game, pinochle. It was a spirited and loving environment in which they celebrated family and their German heritage.

At the age of eighteen, Stan Haase enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force to serve his country during World War II as a Chief Pilot Officer. Following his service, Stan returned home and went to work for his father as a truck driver. It was during his years as a driver that Stan met Katherine Schell. They were married on July 7, 1950. Their mutual desire to realize the American Dream began during their honeymoon when they immigrated to Detroit. After several years of hard work they became naturalized American citizens. Mr. Haase was a loving and devoted husband to his beloved wife, Katherine, for 53 years.

By September 1969, Stan and Katherine Haase had moved to a home on Newbury Lane in Parma Heights, Ohio to raise their three young sons, Greg, Woody and Rick. It was at this home that the family began to establish new family traditions, such as sharing the days' events with one another over dinner. Sundays were also a special time for the Haase family. Each Sunday Mrs. Haase created beautiful and elaborate meals while Mr. Haase entertained the family with stories of his childhood. The home on Newbury Lane was full of magic at Christmas time. Mr. Haase made Santa Claus come to life and Mrs. Haase decorated.

Mr. Haase has had several hobbies throughout his lifetime. As a licensed amateur radio operator he has spoken and forged friendships with people in 321 different countries. His skill as an amateur radio operator has won him many awards and certificates. In addition to gaining a reputation as a first-class repairman, Mr. Haase is also a computer enthusiast. Stan has built and programmed several of his home computers. He continues to be interested in learning new technology.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Stan Haase. Stan is a charismatic and proud man. He remains deeply committed to his family and his friends. Stan's sense of humor reflects his great appreciation for life. I wish Mr. Haase a joyous 85th year and blessings of peace, health and happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
POSTMASTER OLA HELM

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Ola Helm, a 23 year veteran of the United States Postal Service, will be officially sworn in as the 24th postmaster for the Brazoria, Texas post office on Thursday, October first. I am pleased to extend my congratulations to Postmaster Helm.

Postmaster Helm began her postal career on May 10, 1986 as a letter carrier in her hometown of Lake Jackson, Texas. Over the years, Postmaster Helm held a variety of positions in the postal service, including window clerk, supervisor, coach postmaster and officer in charge at a variety of local post offices, including Danbury, Freeport, West Columbia, Sweeny and Needville.

Prior to being appointed postmaster for Brazoria, Ola Helm served as Postmaster for the Van Vleck office. She has spent the past 17 months familiarizing herself with the employees and patrons of the Brazoria post office. The people of Brazoria County are lucky to have such a dedicated and experienced postal veteran serving as postmaster, and I am pleased to once again extend my congratulations to Postmaster Ola Helm.

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS
COUNCIL GOLDSTONE REPORT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, just as the United States is a symbol of hope and freedom around the globe, Israel stands as a symbol of freedom and democracy in an area historically rampant with violence and oppression. For this reason, I am compelled to voice my strong objections to the allegations made in a recent report commissioned by the United Nations Human Rights Council and carried out by former South African Judge Richard Goldstone. The report alleges human rights violations on the part of Israel.

Madam Speaker, the U.N. Human Rights Council has long been recognized for its anti-Israel bias, so it comes as little surprise they would rubber-stamp the "Goldstone Report" and its findings of "crimes against humanity" with regard to Israel's activities in Gaza. As you may know, Israel is the only country listed on the Council's permanent agenda, which examines only supposed Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights, while ignoring the threats or actions of terrorist groups, or the nations that support them, and their calls for the destruction of other U.N. Member States. To quote Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren, "Israel basically was the equivalent of being summoned to a court in which its guilt was already presumed . . . I can't think of any country in the world which would participate in such a farce of justice."

Indeed, while this report condemns Israel's actions, it ignores the precipitating causes of Israel's self-defensive actions, concluding that Israel's military operations were "deliberate

and systematic," and directed at the people of Gaza as a whole, failing to acknowledge Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism, namely the thousands of rockets launched daily at its citizens. Moreover, the Goldstone Report ignores the extraordinary steps taken by Israel to minimize civilian casualties, often putting its own soldiers at greater risk to do so.

The United States and Israel have shared a close relationship of friendship, cooperation, and strategic alliance that serves as an example to the rest of the world. In order to preserve and foster this relationship, I believe it is imperative for the United States to unequivocally reject the findings of the Goldstone Report. And while recent years have unfortunately been marked by escalating armed conflict between Israel and Hamas, the United States should stand steadfast in its commitment to a free and secure Israel as the Middle East comes to embrace the liberties and freedoms of democratic societies.

HONORING DR. KATHLEEN WESTON OF KENTON AND GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Kathleen Weston, a remarkable woman who has spent her life at the forefront of medical research in the field of prescription drug toxicology. Dr. Weston's work has included large-scale production development of the first Salk polio vaccine for worldwide distribution and providing legal advice on toxicology issues for a range of government agencies. At 102 years of age, Dr. Weston continues to be an active contributor to her family and community.

Dr. Weston was born in 1907 in the village of Kenton in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Born Kathleen Shingler, she was one of four children; her father worked as a general store keeper and her mother was a school teacher. After graduating from high school, one of two in her class to do so, Dr. Weston enrolled in Northern State Normal School (now Northern Michigan University) where she graduated with a degree in biology in 1929. After beginning her career teaching biology at Munising High School, Dr. Weston joined her husband, Jean K. Weston, in enrolling in graduate school at the University of Michigan earning a master's degree in anatomy and genetics in 1934.

After taking a position teaching anatomy and physiology to nursing students, Dr. Weston enrolled in medical school at Temple University. Weston credits the nurses she taught with her acceptance to the program after the dean struck a deal that he would admit her, provided she could get the nurses to pass anatomy and physiology. All of the nurses passed and Dr. Weston graduated from medical school in 1951, one of five women in a class of 125.

Upon graduation Dr. Weston moved to Detroit with her husband who worked to develop a modern toxicology laboratory for Parke-Davis and Company. As one of five pharmaceutical companies to produce the Salk polio vaccine for worldwide distribution, the head of

Parke-Davis research recruited Dr. Weston to work on the Salk project because of her experience with microscopes and the nervous system. During the interview process Dr. Weston broke down several barriers for women—Parke-Davis agreed to pay her what it was paying other MD's working for them, far more than the salary they usually paid women at the time, and following the interview she was the first woman to ever lunch in the company's executive dining room.

As Parke-Davis began to produce the Salk polio vaccine on a large scale, Dr. Kathleen Weston directed infectious control tests of the vaccine to certify no live virus was present. She went on to become head of the Parke-Davis toxicology laboratory in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Weston considers her three years working on the Salk polio vaccine as her top scientific achievement.

Following Parke-Davis, Dr. Weston continued her work in toxicology at Burroughs-Wellcome in New York and as a consultant for government agencies including the National Institute of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C. she also taught at George Washington University Medical School.

Dr. Weston continued to work as a consulting toxicologist until 1997. Today she is still an active reader and is currently assisting the Kenton Historical Society with their research.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Kathleen Weston has spent her life as a leader in toxicology research and as a trailblazer for women entering the medical profession. Her work with the Salk polio vaccine helped save countless lives around the world. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Dr. Kathleen Weston on the important work she has accomplished in the field of prescription drug toxicology and in her work to help record the history of her hometown of Kenton.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ANDY ALLENSWORTH FOR WIN-
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**HONORING CHARLES MYATT UPON
HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Myatt who is retiring from First Tennessee bank after a 40 year career.

In 1969, Charlie graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro with a bachelor's degree in Marketing. He began his banking career with First Tennessee in Chattanooga, and his talent and understanding of business were quickly recognized. Over the course of his 19 years in Chattanooga, he was promoted to numerous leadership positions, including senior vice president and manager of the branch division, as well as senior vice president and manager of the east region of Chattanooga's correspondent division.

Charlie returned to Murfreesboro in 1988 to become First Tennessee's Rutherford County Regional President. During his 21 year tenure as Regional President, Charlie more than tripled the number of First Tennessee banking centers from three to ten locations in Rutherford County.

Throughout his career, Charlie proved to not only be an excellent banker but also a dedicated community leader. Charlie is an active member, deacon, and past chairman of the budget and finance committee at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro. He has maintained a constant connection with MTSU, serving on numerous boards and committees, and he has been recognized as an MTSU "Distinguished Alumnus."

Charlie has also served as President of the Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County, Chairman of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission.

The many awards and distinctions Charlie has received highlight his successful career, including the Daily News Journal—SunTrust Bank "Humanitarian of the Year" and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year."

Charlie, I hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement with your wife, Judy, as well as your children and grandchildren.

**HONORING FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CARROLLTON**

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Texas. The church is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to speak about the history of the church and its past and present contributions to our community.

Established in 1909 by thirteen people, the First Baptist Church began its history at a missionary tent revival. The church conducted their services within the same tent of its establishment and at the home of one of its found-

ers. On January 12, 1910, the church moved their services to an old bank building. Months following the move to the bank, the Baptist Ladies Aid Society graciously donated land to the church where the tabernacle was built. Over the next forty years, the tabernacle underwent building additions and extensive renovations to include a nursery, an education building, and parsonages.

In 1952, with guidance from Reverend Thomas B. Guinn, the church began building a larger education building south of the sanctuary. In 1955, the services were moved to the education building, and in 1957 a special auditorium was added to the building to hold the services. Twenty-nine years later the congregation would move again.

On Easter Sunday, March 30, 1986, the present-day sanctuary was opened to the public, and on this day, 2,655 people came to celebrate it. As for the former church location, it was decided the building would be transformed into the International Missions Center. The center has hosted five missionary companies which have worked in Latin countries, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Africa.

Today, the congregation has grown to have 4,500 members, and it continues to grow. With such a large congregation, the First Baptist Church has become a cornerstone of the community. The church involves itself in charity events and community programs. Under the leadership of Dr. Brent Taylor, the pastor since 1999, the church has continued programs such as the Bus Ministry which provides transportation to children and teenagers who are unable to attend service and the Friendship House which provides food, clothes, and Christmas gifts for families in need.

I am honored to represent the First Baptist Church of Carrollton and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the congregation upon their 100th anniversary.

**IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MAJOR ROCCO M. BARNES**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, Major Barnes grew up in North Olmsted and graduated from North Olmsted High School. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and became part of the Army's Special Forces HALO detachment. He was trained as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant, Parachutist and Infantry Officer. Following his service in the Army, he joined the Army National Guard. Major Barnes' service in the military totaled thirty-one years; during which he served two tours in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan.

Along the way, Major Barnes earned a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. In addition to his military service, his love for books and writing led him to a civilian career in the entertainment industry in California, where he became a playwright and screenplay writer. Additionally, he utilized his military experience within the private security sector; Major Barnes was the Director of West Coast Operations for Vance International.

Throughout his service in the military, Major Barnes consistently exemplified bravery, compassion and he often and readily offered his

assistance to anyone in need, without regard to his own sacrifice. Major Barnes served as a father figure, guide and mentor to numerous young military recruits, and was like an uncle to the children of close friends. For many years, Major Barnes sponsored a child from Indonesia, sending money and letters of encouragement on a regular basis. Recently, Major Barnes was part of a successful effort to save the life of a severely injured child in Afghanistan.

His compassion, unwavering integrity and professional excellence are documented in the numerous military commendations he received, including the California Medal of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Award, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Award.

Major Barnes is survived by his mother, Grace Barnes-Filo; his father, Harold Barnes; his sisters, Therese Rose Barnes, Jennifer Barnes, and Julie Keating; And, his nephew Timothy and niece, McKenzie. I also extend my condolences to his extended family members and many close friends.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Major Rocco Martin Barnes, whose heroic actions, kindness, generous spirit and love for those closest to him will be remembered always. Major Barnes was a courageous United States soldier, and an exceptional human being. His life, gone too soon, was framed by his great love for family, friends and country. The significant sacrifice, service, courage that defined the life of Major Barnes will be honored and remembered by the entire Cleveland community, and our Country.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BILL RUEGSEGGER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Bill Ruegsegger showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Bill Ruegsegger was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Bill Ruegsegger always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Bill Ruegsegger on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

TRIBUTE TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA R.C. CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an out-

standing religious institution, St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of dedicated service to its parishioners, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the spiritual home it has provided to American families, especially those just embarking on their path to the American dream, and the dedication to the entire community that helps keep this deeply rooted parish family growing towards the future.

On December 8, 1909, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Salesian Father John Focacci, founding pastor, celebrated the first Mass in a small wooden building on Beech Street, Paterson. The parish was then called Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church. From this humble beginning, Saint Anthony's ministered to the needs of a growing Italian immigrant population in the Sandy Hill section. Over the years, Saint Anthony's developed into a modern ecclesiastical and educational complex, the result of many sacrifices, hard work and dedication of its loyal parishioners.

Marking its 100th anniversary, Saint Anthony's finds itself once again tending to the spiritual and material needs of immigrants, this time from the Caribbean and Central and South America, seeking to realize the American Dream, parish services now echo English, Italian, and Hispanic voices, and trilingual choirs enrich the festive liturgies.

The parish has built its tradition by giving its parishioners spiritual roots in their neighborhood, providing a deep sense of community to those who have grown in the Church, receiving their sacraments there, as well as welcoming newcomers to the surrounding area. The St. Bonaventure's parish family has expanded throughout the years to include many parishioners who have moved out of the neighborhood, but return with their families to worship at the parish. I am certain that St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church will continue to thrive and enrich not only those who worship there but so many others in need throughout the area.

The Salesian Fathers have withdrawn from the parish after more than a century of service. St. Anthony School closed its doors after 85 years as an educational Mecca to the neighborhood. Diocesan clergy now serve for the first time. Maintaining the parish's physical plant, especially the beauty of the House of God, is a constant financial concern. Despite these challenges, Saint Anthony's continues undeterred in its mission, facing the uncertain future with hope and confidence in the parish and their faith. St. Anthony's remains a living monument to those who came before and those who are still here.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving communities like St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the parishioners and clergy of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish to the church community and beyond.

HALL OF FAMER HAL MCCOY LEAVES THE PRESS BOX

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, as the Cincinnati Reds wind down their 2009 season, many in Dayton and southwest Ohio are feeling a sense of loss for the departure of the Reds' best known sports writer, Hal McCoy, who retires next week.

To call Hal McCoy an institution in sports journalism is somehow not giving him due credit. Hal McCoy is the Reds to the readers of the Dayton Daily News. He's been on the Reds' beat for 37 years—longer than any other sports reporter following a single team.

His "Real McCoy" blog on the Dayton Daily News site notes "McCoy has covered more than 7,000 major-league baseball games, written close to 18,000 baseball stories and eaten enough hot dogs to give Babe Ruth indigestion."

An honors graduate from Kent State University's School of Journalism, Hal McCoy has 43 Ohio and national writing awards. Most appropriately, he is also a member of the writer's wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

Hal McCoy's retirement comes as the Dayton Daily News ceases its special reporting on the Cincinnati Reds due to budget limitations. As McCoy put it, "I'll finish the season covering the Reds and baseball, the last hurrah, then say my final goodbyes. They're putting me out to pasture. I only wish it was center field."

While he notes retirement is not something he looks forward to, Hal McCoy admits he may still do some writing for the Dayton Daily News. We hope so. Good luck and thanks for everything, Hal.

HONORING STANLEY L. STRAUGHTER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend Stanley L. Straughter, Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs. Throughout his thirty year career, Stanley has been dedicated to the cause of international development and the betterment of those living in his community.

Having lived and worked in various places around the world, including Africa, Asia, Russia, and the Caribbean, Stanley has a long history of working with foreign nations to promote economic development. Stanley has worked with foreign governments on transparency and financial issues, trade policy, and foreign direct investment. Among his many roles, Stanley serves as an advisor to the World Conference of Mayors, as Senior Finance Advisor to Niger and Togo, and as a Senior Advisor to the African Development Bank.

In addition to Stanley's exceptional work in international development, he is also a committed member of other groups and organizations. Stanley is a member of various national

and international organizations, such as African American Unity Caucus, the Foundation for Hospice in Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Global Interdependence Center. Stanley is also a member of organizations founded to improve his local community. He is a member of the Housing Association of Delaware County, the Philadelphia Revitalization and Education Program, and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of Stanley's hard work, he will be presented with the Outstanding Community Leader Award at the Laborers' Local 332 Friends of Labor Committee's Annual Black Tie Charity Dinner.

Stanley's impressive career proves a long-standing commitment to the cause of international development. His extensive work showcases his dedication to the improvement of the international community, as well as his local community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
THOMAS LONGO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mayor Thomas Longo, as he retires from his position of Mayor of Garfield Heights, Ohio. For 25 years, Mayor Longo served his constituents with dedication, vision and sincere concern for the people of Garfield Heights, Ohio.

In 2006, after 23 years, Mayor Longo was officially recognized as the longest-serving mayor in Garfield Heights history. He is also recognized as the third-longest serving mayor in Cuyahoga County.

Before being elected mayor, Mayor Longo worked for nearly 20 years as a marketing executive with the former Ohio Bell Telephone Company. In 1975, he was elected to serve on the Garfield Heights City Council, representing the city's 4th Ward. In 1983, Mayor Longo left Ohio Bell upon his election as mayor of Garfield Heights, and successfully retained his seat in every successive election.

In conjunction with his service as the Mayor of Garfield Heights, Mr. Longo holds a seat on the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District board of trustees. He also serves as vice president of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Throughout his career, Mayor Longo's vision and tenacity has become a reality, reflecting in several civic milestones that continue to benefit residents of all ages. Some of Mayor Longo's most noteworthy achievements include the building of the Garfield Heights Civic Center, Recreation Center, and Service Department garage, as well as the addition of a new fire station. Moreover, Mayor Longo's genuine love of the people of Garfield Heights is evidenced by his compassionate leadership and consistent willingness to reach out and assist families or individuals in need.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mayor Tom Longo, as he retires from the role of Mayor of Garfield Heights, reflecting 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the city and residents of Garfield Heights, Ohio. I wish Mayor Longo, and his entire family, an abundance of health and happiness as he journeys onward from here.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
BOBBY HALL FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Bobby Hall showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Bobby Hall was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Bobby Hall always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Bobby Hall on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR CLEO O.
ALBURY, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Pastor Cleo O. Albury Jr., a beloved community leader, public servant and religious leader in my district. Pastor Albury was the pastor at Bible Missionary Baptist Church of Miami, Florida.

Pastor Albury, a Miami, Florida native, was an honor graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension. Moreover, Pastor Albury was one of the first African-American Floridians to solo an aircraft in the United States Air Force.

Having dedicated his life to the church community, Pastor Albury began his pastoral career as pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church from 1969 to 1973, and followed as pastor and charter member of the Bible Baptist Church until 1999.

As pastor of Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Albury organized a \$2 million dollar facility development program for the church and the community; instituted a food bank to combat hunger in Miami-Dade County; and created a contingency fund for the unemployed and needy in Miami-Dade County through the church. Pastor Albury's other community and religious involvement included: former member of Evangelism Task Force for Southern Baptist Convention, former board member of Direct Action and Research Training Center, D.A.R.T., former board member of People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality, P.U.L.S.E., and he led the 1983 missionary teaching and ministry program for the churches in Ghana, West Africa.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Pastor Cleo O. Albury Jr. Pastor Albury's life was a triumph, and he was blessed with a loving family who

took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. I commend him for his dedication to both Bible Missionary Baptist Church and the Baptist community as a whole. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF DR.
MACK KING CARTER AS SENIOR
PASTOR OF NEW MOUNT OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH IN FORT LAU-
DERDALE, FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Dr. Mack King Carter, Senior Pastor of New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on the occasion of his retirement. New Mount Olive, founded in 1918, was extremely fortunate to receive Dr. Carter as copastor in August 1981. Dr. Carter has led the congregation since November 1982.

Dr. Carter, a native of Ocala, Florida, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1970, a Master of Divinity degree in 1976 and a Doctorate of Ministry degree in 1978, both from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional studies at Florida Memorial College and has received honorary doctorate degrees from Florida Memorial and Bethune Cookman College.

Dr. Carter is considered one of America's great African American "pulpiters." His travels have taken him throughout the United States and abroad, preaching, teaching and lecturing. A talented educator and popular speaker, his classes at the National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education are filled to capacity with preachers and lay persons who come to hear one of God's master teachers. The consummate theologian, he is considered a "preacher's preacher."

During his long career, Dr. Carter served three churches in Ocala, Florida and one in Prospect, Kentucky before coming to New Mount Olive. A great writer in addition to his other talents, he has authored four books: A Catechism for Baptists, To Calvary and Beyond, A Quest for Freedom and Interpreting the Will of God.

In his younger days, Dr. Carter was a huge fan of the New York Yankees. Everyone in the New Mount Olive family and visitors through the years fondly recall his greeting, "We're deliciously proud to have you." Since 1973, he has been the devoted husband of Patricia A. Thomas Carter and is the proud father of two wonderful daughters, Annalisa Robinson-Melton and Pamela Latrice Johnson. He is also the doting grandfather of Britanny N. Robinson and Carter Nathaniel Johnson.

Madam Speaker, it has been a great joy for me and this congregation to have Dr. Carter as a friend, supporter, comforter and mentor. I wish him the very best on his retirement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on House Administration in conjunction with Ranking Member DANIEL LUNGREN, we want to take a few moments to recognize and say thank you to the Library of Congress Police, who will be formally merged into the U.S. Capitol Police force on October 1, 2009.

The Library of Congress, founded by Congress in 1800, is not only the Nation's oldest federal cultural institution and research arm of the Congress, it is an unparalleled multimedia world resource containing more than 142 million items in its collections with more and more information in digital form, including numerous documents concerning the founding of the Nation and its history.

The Library's collections, buildings, and dedicated staff are widely known and respected and protecting these resources has been both the mission and achievement of the Library of Congress Police. Security at the Library, like other U.S. public institutions, includes protecting facilities, staff and visitors. Uniquely, the Library of Congress must also protect—for the present and future use of Congress and the Nation—the largest, richest and most diverse collection of recorded knowledge ever assembled.

In the early days, Library of Congress buildings and grounds were policed by building guards commissioned as special policemen. In 1950 the Librarian of Congress was given statutory authority to designate Library of Congress special police as employees of the Library. In 1987 Congress authorized that the Library Police rank structure and pay be made comparable to the Capitol Police and began in the 1990's considering whether the two police forces should be merged. Over time, the Library Police became an integral and critical part of the Library's interlocking structure to protect not only people and buildings but the priceless collections from a variety of threats. With the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, the 1998 shootings of the Capitol Police officers at the Capitol and especially after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Congress mandated significant security upgrades in the Capitol complex, including the Library of Congress. Finally, in the interest of security uniformity, the President signed into law PL 110–178 in 2008, formally merging the Capitol and Library of Congress police forces, providing, after a transition period, for completion by October 1, 2009.

Over many years, the Library Police have provided exemplary security and law enforcement for the Library of Congress. Library Police have demonstrated the highest level of dedication and excellence in both fulfilling their public safety mission and protecting the Library's irreplaceable collections.

As the force is now merged into the Capitol Police, it marks the end of the storied era of the Library of Congress Police as a distinct entity.

We ask our colleagues to thank them. We want every member of the force, past and present, to know how much we in the Con-

gress have valued their service and professionalism.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
UNITED STATES NAVY ENSIGN
MATTHEW RICHARD MCFARLAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Navy Ensign Matthew Richard "Uncle Buck" McFarland, who courageously and selflessly rose to the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country.

Matthew McFarland was born on April 1, 1922, the youngest of eight children. Affectionately known as "Uncle Buck" by his family, Ensign McFarland's parents, Hugh McFarland and Grace O'Reilly, and siblings, Hugh, Joseph, Katherine, Margaret, Mary Grace, John and Andrew, were a close family with a strong connection to the Catholic faith. At Holy Name Church, Ensign McFarland served Mass every morning as a child until the day before he entered the Navy. Before entering the Navy Reserves in 1943, he worked at Otis Steel in Cleveland. In 1944, he earned the rank of Naval Aviator and trained for flight in a Fighting Squadron. In 1947, Ensign McFarland was posthumously awarded the WWII Victory Medal by the United States Navy Chief of Naval Personnel.

He died while serving our country on February 15, 1945 at the age of 22. Navy Ensign Pilots, McFarland and Lt. Battenfeld vanished from the sky during a routine flight from Sand Point Naval Air Station in Washington State. Seven months later the wreckage was discovered on the side of a mountain. For more than 60 years, the bodies of the young soldiers rested in a temporary grave, buried among rock and forestry, their names engraved on the flat surface of a boulder and a cross carved at the base of a tree nearby.

Members of the U.S. military's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Team led the effort to return Ensign McFarland and Lt. Battenfeld to their families and permanent places of rest. Members of the Army Reservists from the 737th Transportation Company volunteered in the effort. On September 25, 2009, the body of Navy Ensign Matthew McFarland returns home to Cleveland, Ohio, where friends and family will gather in his honor and memory.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Navy Ensign Matthew Richard "Uncle Buck" McFarland, whose service to our nation will be honored and remembered by the Cleveland community. Though sixty-four years have passed, the memory of Ensign McFarland will remain in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
BRENNAN SOKOWOSKI FOR WIN-
NING THE BOYS' DIVISION III
STATE BASEBALL CHAMPION-
SHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Brennan Sokowoski showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

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Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Brennan Sokowoski on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

HONORING BISHOP T. GARROTT
BENJAMIN, JR., D. MIN., SENIOR
PASTOR OF LIGHT OF THE
WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR
OVER 40 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr., Deacon Minister and Senior Pastor of the Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis.

For the past 40 years, Bishop Benjamin has exhibited bold and charismatic leadership on behalf of his congregation and his community. His efforts on behalf of the World Christian Church have made his congregation one of the most active and well respected in the city. Through his dedicated service, Bishop Benjamin has earned a reputation as a formidable advocate on behalf of poor minorities, fighting unceasingly for racial justice across Indianapolis.

At a time when committed and compassionate leadership is much too rare in public life, Bishop Benjamin's indomitable spirit continues to inspire generations to improve our communities and serve their neighbors through Christian ministry. Thousands of local residents have been touched by Bishop Benjamin and his congregation, a number that continues to grow daily.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop Benjamin for his 40 years of dedicated leadership and service as the esteemed Pastor of Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
JUDGESHIP ACT OF 2009**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, which calls for the creation of additional federal judgeships in the courts of appeals and district courts.

The United States legal system is the envy of the world. Our legal system has historically provided fair, timely, and expert adjudication of civil disputes and criminal prosecutions for hundreds of years. There are, however, a number of challenges facing our federal legal system that must be addressed if it is to maintain the standard of service our citizens expect and deserve. One of these challenges is an overworked judiciary.

Many of our federal courts are in desperate need of new judges. It has been nearly 19 years since Congress has passed a comprehensive judgeship bill. In this time, caseloads for district courts have gone up 31 percent and the caseloads for appeals courts have gone up 38 percent, placing significantly increased demands upon our federal court system. This unfairly burdens our judges and leads to delays in the administration of justice. If we are to avoid realization of the old adage, "justice delayed is justice denied," we must not delay in providing our judiciary with the resources it needs.

The Federal Judgeship Act of 2009 calls for 12 additional court of appeals judgeships and 51 additional district court judgeships. The number of judgeships called for in this legislation mirrors those called for by the Judicial Conference of the United States in its 2009 recommendations.

The Judicial Conference's recommendations are based on a comprehensive analysis of the workload of federal judges, which took into consideration not only the number, but also the nature and complexity of the cases before the various courts. According to this analysis, the average weighted case filings for the 25 district courts receiving additional judgeships under this bill were 573, while the target number of case filings is only 430. In other words, the workload before these courts is 133 percent of what is considered the normal capacity of these courts. Clearly, this is stretching our judiciary beyond reason.

In the interests of timely and effective administration of justice, we must pass comprehensive judgeships this Congress. I thank my colleagues Representatives JOHN CONYERS, SILVESTRE REYES, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, and ROBERT WEXLER, who have worked with me on this very important piece of legislation. I also ask the rest of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support rapid passage of this legislation.

CONGRATULATING CLARKSVILLE
POLICE CHIEF GREG DONALDSON**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Clarksville Police Chief

Greg Donaldson for his service to protecting the public, upholding the law and his vision for community involvement in helping find missing children. For his dedication and commitment, Chief Donaldson has been named the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police, AACP, 2009 Chief of the Year. Chief Donaldson shares this honor with the community, telling the Russellville Courier that "Without the employees here and the members of the community, I could have never been chief of the year," he said. "It would be easy for me to say, 'I have this award, and this award is about me,' but it belongs to the whole community."

Chief Donaldson is continuously putting the community first, as a police department employee for two decades, serving in a number of roles including dispatcher, patrol officer, investigator, supervisor, Sergeant and for the last 21 months as Chief.

At the helm of the department Chief Donaldson has implemented new and innovative programs including partnering with Morgan Nick Foundation for the "Picture Them Home Campaign" that puts pictures of missing children on patrol cars. The Clarksville Police Department was the first to do this and since then several other law enforcement agencies have followed. In recognition of the department's efforts Chief Donaldson and the Clarksville Police Department was awarded the "2009 Morgan's Choice Award." Chief Donaldson is always looking for ways to make an impact on the community. "The day I walk out the door, I want people to be able to say 'he made a difference in the lives of children and grandchildren.' If they say that, I've done my job," he told the Russellville Courier.

It is clear he has done that and I am confident that will continue. I commend Chief Donaldson for his service as well as his good work and wish him continued success in the future. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in honoring Greg Donaldson, a wonderful public servant, who is and always will be dedicated to the people of Clarksville.

IN HONOR OF WALTER STRINE,
SR.**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life of Walter Strine, Sr., who passed away on September 22, 2009 at the age of 100.

A living example of the Horatio Alger ideal, Mr. Strine was trained as a bricklayer at the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, from which he graduated in 1929. It was at Williamson—established in 1888 to provide financially disadvantaged young men with the opportunity to become productive and respected members of society—that the foundation of a very successful life was laid. From there Walter Strine embarked on a career that included teaching, real estate development and philanthropy. In each aspect of his exceptional life he reflected very proudly on the virtues and skills he learned at Williamson. His work ethic, intellect, devotion to family and community were unmatched and left the most positive, lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Married to the love of his life, Elizabeth Sterling Strine, for over 70 years and the father of Walter Jr. and William—both talented and successful men in their own right—his life could not have been fuller. He was inordinately generous to Williamson—where he was responsible for the construction of the Strine Learning Center and he was a member of the Board of Trustees for 25 years.

His vision, basic decency and business acumen shaped the Borough of Media, Pennsylvania into one of the most livable and prosperous communities in our Commonwealth. In addition to his work developing the area's commercial district, he also purchased the Media Theater and transformed it over time into a center for the Performing Arts that is a showcase for local talent and venue for residents from throughout Delaware County to gather in the company of one another.

I cannot imagine a better life than the one lived by Walter Strine, Sr. The results of his work abound in his hometown, he made a great and better difference in the lives of thousands and he was loved and respected. He will be sorely missed.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHASE BURCHER FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Chase Burcher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Chase Burcher was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Chase Burcher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Chase Burcher on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2265, the Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2265

Account: Title XVI of Public Law 102–575, the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Magna Water District, located at 8600 W. 2711 S., PO Box 303 1, Magna, Utah 84044

Description of project: \$12,000,000.00 to allow for the planning, design and construction of the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project.

HONORING THE YALE
WHIFFENPOOFS OF YALE UNI-
VERSITY ON THEIR CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Yale Whiffenpoofs—the oldest continuous collegiate a cappella singing group in America—as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.

The Whiffenpoofs of Yale University were first formed at the old Mory's Bar on Temple Street in New Haven, Connecticut one hundred years ago by 5 men, Denton Fowler, James Merriam Howard, Carl Lohmann, Meade Minnigerode, and George Pomeroy, where they performed weekly concerts. Thus began one of Yale University's most celebrated and hallowed traditions.

Each year, fourteen men are selected to participate in this time honored institution and are asked to make an international tour to U.S. Embassies, foreign capitals, palaces, churches, and the smallest of villages on every continent. These outstanding songsters serve as ambassadors of song and goodwill on behalf of Yale University, college students, and the United States. The Whiffenpoofs also stand as a model for a cappella singing groups formed at colleges and universities across America.

The Whiffenpoofs are perhaps best known for the "Whiffenpoof Song"—an unpublished setting of Rudyard Kipling's "Gentlemen-Rankers." The "Whiffenpoof Song" was the adopted theme song of the brave men of the Black Sheep Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II and, over the years, has been recorded by some of America's greatest artists including Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Elvis Presley. We could not be more proud of all that this wonderful singing group has accomplished over its 100-year history.

For their many contributions to our community and for all the joy they have brought to audiences around the world, I am very proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Yale Whiffenpoofs as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. I wish them all the best for another century of song, tradition, fellowship, and friendship.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
DUSTY BYERS FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Dusty Byers showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Dusty Byers was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Dusty Byers always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Dusty Byers on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 22, I was absent for three roll-call votes. If I had been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 720, "yes" on rollcall vote 721, and "yes" on rollcall vote 722.

HONORING DIANE LYNCH

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Diane Lynch, a great North Carolinian and a great educator, upon the occasion of her August 31st retirement from the Public School System in my State.

All of us in Congress know, or should know, that educating our youth is key to insuring a prosperous future. Diane Lynch, of the Moss Hill Community of Kinston, North Carolina, dedicated her entire working life—some thirty-six years—to the ideal of imparting the very best education possible to young people.

For Diane, educating young people was an imperative that she fulfilled tirelessly every day, even when doing so was sometimes thankless and unappreciated. Diane Lynch is an example to all of us of the power of personal commitment. Her professionalism, dedication, perseverance and love served very well, not only her students and co-workers, but also the hundreds of families whose lives she touched and improved.

Starting as a teacher in 1973, and then rising to Assistant Principal, then Principal and finally to Associate Superintendent, Diane's career spanned thirty-six years. Her energy and love of education will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to Diane Lynch for her long and valuable service.

Madam Speaker I ask that an article about Diane Lynch's retirement, which appeared in the August 18, 2009 edition of the Kinston Daily Free Press be submitted in its entirety.

[From the Kinston Daily Free Press]

SAYING GOODBYE

(By Chris Lavender)

Diane Lynch, long-time teacher and principal and current associate superintendent of Lenoir County Schools, will soon say goodbye to a career she has developed for the past 36 years.

Lynch will retire from the school district Aug. 31, after making a decision this summer

to walk away. Lenoir County Schools Superintendent Terry Cline announced Tuesday that Lynch had decided to retire.

The announcement was made during a Lenoir County Schools opening ceremony for staff held at Kinston High School. A majority of those in attendance weren't aware Lynch was stepping down, Cline said.

Cline said the school board members were notified last Thursday of Lynch's retirement plan. On Monday, the school district's senior central staff and principals were notified. Lynch said there was no specific reason she decided to retire this month.

"It's just the right time," she said.

Lynch said she plans to stay active in the school district until her final day. Lenoir County schools open for students Tuesday. She said she plans to visit several schools during opening week.

Cline said he was reluctant to accept Lynch's retirement because of her value to the school district.

"I am happy for her but it's a sad day for Lenoir County Schools," Cline said. "I can't replace her because she is a very special lady."

Cline said he hasn't decided yet if the school district will hire an interim or full-time associate superintendent. A decision will come in the next few months. Cline said.

Lynch began her career during 1973 with Wayne County Schools, where she taught elementary school. After several years there, she continued her career at Moss Hill Elementary School in Lenoir County. She taught at Moss Hill for nine years.

Lynch later became assistant principal at La Grange Elementary School and then principal at Northwest Elementary School for 13 years. For the past three years, Lynch has served as associate superintendent.

During her career, Lynch said she strived to help students excel and reach their goals. The personal connections she made with her students will last forever, she said.

"I am always satisfied when I see my former students in the community and we talk about good times," Lynch said. "I was always fair and consistent and worked to earn the respect of my co-workers."

Lynch said she doesn't know what she will do during her retirement. She said she is looking forward to a break from the daily grind.

"I'm going to rest for a few months," Lynch said.

During their five years together, Cline said he developed a strong working relationship with Lynch.

"We cried and laughed together," Cline said. "There were things that I told her that I didn't tell my wife because I didn't want to get my life involved in the politics. Superintendents have very lonely positions."

Lynch acknowledged she had a great working relationship with Cline. She thanked him for working to make Lenoir County Schools a better place for students.

MINNIE LOUISE THOMPSON
GARDNER

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, October 8, 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of Minnie Louise Thompson Gardner. She departed this life on Sunday, January 7, 2007. Her life was committed to God, service to family. Friends and community.

Early in her youth, she accepted Christ and united with Springfield Baptist Church, where

she became active in the Choir, Usher Board, Baptist Student Union and the Missionary Society. Minnie worked faithfully until the birth of her children and care of ailing parents curtailed her involvement. However, her dedication and faithfulness to the legacy and growth of the church during her more than 80 years of membership remained constant. Life led Minnie toward employment within the field of hospitality. She retired from public service as the head cook of the Holiday Inn Chain of Greenville, South Carolina.

Minnie attended Greenville County public schools and was among the first graduating class of the Sterling Normal and Industrial Institute in 1927. During this time, she was a founding member and soloist of the Marian Anderson Music Club. Minnie was also a founding member of the Hattie Duckett Cultural Club. She was recognized in 1998 by the Phillis Wheatley Center and American Federal Bank for sharing her story as an outstanding member of the Phillis Wheatley basketball team. Following high school, Minnie continued her education at Benedict College, where she was awarded a Teacher's Certificate.

Minnie's lifelong commitment to family was evident in the foundation that she laid to promote personal and professional success of her children and children in the community. SHARE recognized Minnie as a community leadership icon and legendary human advancement advocate for her service to the antipoverty/Community Action movement in upstate South Carolina. In response to her long-standing dedication to the community, the Thompson-Gardner Park in the newly developed Viola Street Community was dedicated in her honor by the City of Greenville on July 11, 2005.

The Minnie Gardner College Fund for the CDC Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry Chapter of Blacks in government and the Minnie L. Gardner Scholarship have been established since her death.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House today to pay recognition to an important educational institution in Montgomery, Alabama, as it celebrates 40 years of excellence in higher education.

In September 1969, the doors to Auburn Montgomery were formally opened to students. Since that time, the student population has grown by a factor of nine and the areas of study from sixteen to over 90. Through its 40 years, Auburn Montgomery has conferred more than 31,000 degrees.

Like so many of East Alabama's proud institutions of higher education, Auburn Montgomery has produced great leaders and thinkers who have made enormous contributions to our state and our nation. We are all proud of AUM for achieving this important milestone, and look forward to its continued growth and prosperity in its next 40 years of academic excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be here to cast my vote in support for the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act, but I strongly support the targeted extension of unemployment benefits provided by H.R. 3548.

The 314,000 Americans set to lose unemployment insurance this month—and the more than 1 million who will exhaust their benefits by the end of the year—need help to avert an even bigger financial tragedy, such as the loss of their home or a medical bankruptcy, which would ripple out into our larger economy.

Extending these benefits is a cost-effective and efficient way to stimulate the economy. Every \$1 spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new economic demand. Not only does it help the unemployed worker stay on top of their bills, it keeps capitol flowing through small businesses and keeps the larger economy on the right track to recovery.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JAMIE BURCHER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jamie Burcher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Jamie Burcher was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Jamie Burcher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Jamie Burcher on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to share my support and acknowledgement of September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

Each year, approximately 100,000 children are born in the United States with some form of facial disfigurement. In many cases, reconstructive surgeons can correct these problems early—often while the children are still infants. In other cases, however, reconstruction is not as easy or even possible.

The Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) is an organization that supports these

children and their families. Nationally and internationally, CCA addresses the medical, financial, psychosocial, emotional, and educational concerns relating to craniofacial conditions. CCA's mission is to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by facial differences. I am honored to acknowledge that 2009 marks their 20th anniversary and am pleased to share my support and thanks for their designation of September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

In 2001, my constituent Wendelyn Osborne brought the craniofacial disorders issue to my attention. At a young age, Wendelyn was diagnosed with Craniometaphyseal Dysplasia (CMD). CMD is a rare disorder that affects only 200 people worldwide. Specifically, CMD involves an overgrowth of bone which never deteriorates. In Ms. Osborne's case, this caused an abnormal appearance, bilateral facial paralysis and deafness. Other cases can include those characteristics, as well as blindness and joint pain. Wendelyn has undergone many extensive reconstructive surgeries to counteract the medical difficulties that comprise her disorder.

Unfortunately, the majority of reconstructive surgeries, such as those Wendelyn has undergone, are not covered by insurance companies. Rather, many of them are treated as strictly cosmetic. As a result, individuals are forced to fight their insurance companies just to receive the life-saving surgeries they need. The fact that these surgeries have been grouped in the same "cosmetic" category as surgeries that simply make people look better or younger is a tragedy.

It is my hope that further education and understanding of craniofacial disorders will allow our nation to move forward and update existing laws to better meet the medical needs of those needing reconstructive, not cosmetic, surgery. I urge my colleagues—especially in a year focused on health care reform—to join in this effort and help recognize these conditions through Craniofacial Acceptance Month so that all Americans can access the care they need.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to the City of Jonesboro on the 150th anniversary of its establishment. I stand to recognize this milestone in the City of Jonesboro's history and reflect on how far this community has progressed.

The City of Jonesboro is located in Craighead County, which was created in 1859. Despite the opposition of State Senator Thomas Craighead, the Arkansas Senate created the new county from parts of Greene, Mississippi, and Poinsett Counties. In an effort of goodwill, State Senator William Jones, who represented St. Francis and Poinsett Counties and was a proponent of the bill, named the new county after Senator Craighead. In return, once the county seat of Jonesboro was established that same year, it was named in honor of Senator Jones.

In 1860, historical records indicate Jonesboro had a population of 50. Currently,

the city is a bustling community approaching 60,000 people and has grown to become one of the strongest economic centers in the state. Jonesboro is known for award winning school districts, Arkansas State University, outstanding medical centers, and a regional destination for arts and entertainment. Jonesboro is an outstanding community to me and I am honored to represent all of the wonderful people who call Jonesboro their home.

Over the past 150 years Jonesboro has seen many changes but one thing remains the same—the people of this city, throughout good times and bad, have always come together to cherish, celebrate and support one another. This is what makes the community unique and it is their key to success. I am certain the City of Jonesboro has a bright future and will continue to be the cornerstone for prosperity in our state.

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Billy Stokes is the founder and senior partner of the law firm of Stokes, Williams, Sharp and Davies in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was one of the highest-ranking state officials during the administration of former Governor Don Sundquist.

Like most Americans today, he is worried about our Country's future. He has given a lot of thought to where we are and where we are headed as a nation, and he has written to me with a proposal for a "Bill of Rights for the New Millennium."

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

I. WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:

This means all of us;

II. IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION:

We pledge to cooperate and communicate with members of the opposing party to address and to resolve issues affecting our Nation in a civil manner;

Communication and cooperation does not require abandoning our core principles;

The Federal Government will not impose its will on state and local governments;

III. ESTABLISH JUSTICE:

The right of the people to seek redress and remedy in the Courts will not be impeded;

Those who seek to demean or simply profiteer by abusing our judicial system through frivolous lawsuits will not be tolerated.

IV. INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY:

Lines of communication from the citizenry to the Government will be open and welcome;

Citizens will not be intimidated or insulted for petitioning the government through their elected representatives, to be heard;

V. PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE:

The greatest and most honorable military in the history of the world will be maintained and supported;

We will use our might to protect our freedoms and will protect the USA from enemies of such freedoms, state-sponsored or otherwise; foreign or domestic, by all means necessary;

VI. PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE:

We will see that access to adequate healthcare is available to all Americans;

The helpless will be helped;

Meaningful opportunities for success will be open to all who are willing to work;

VII. SECURE THE BLESSINGS OR LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY:

We will support the principles of hard work that this Nation is built upon;

While taxes are necessary, hard work and success will not be punished by attempts to redistribute wealth gained thereby;

We cannot and will not pile debt upon our children and grandchildren;

VIII. WE WILL DEFEND AND PROTECT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT ALL TIMES.

EMPLOYER-OWNED LIFE INSURANCE LIMITATION ACT

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my bill, the "Employer-Owned Life Insurance Limitation Act." Every employee makes a commitment to his employer. He commits time, energy and creativity to the advancement of the company.

However, instead of making a commitment to their employees—their health, education and wellbeing—many companies are gambling on their lives by taking out employer-owned life insurance policies in which the company is the only beneficiary. The family and loved ones of a deceased individual should be the only beneficiaries of a life insurance policy, not a speculating company.

As highlighted in Michael Moore's new film, "Capitalism: A Love Story," a corporation is allowed to take out life insurance on its employees—often without their knowledge or consent—and cash in, in the event of their death. These policies are being taken out on everyone from the CEO to the janitor, and the only beneficiary of these countless policies is the company itself.

Every day, 14,000 people in this country lose their health insurance; but instead of investing in the health, life and longevity of its employees, much of Corporate America has adopted the practice of investing its resources in the demise of its employees. My legislation would prohibit the practice of taking out employer-owned life insurance except in the case where the death of an individual would incur a significant cost to the company—that is individuals making \$1 million or more in salary.

In addition, this legislation would require that the company disclose the policy to the covered individual within 30 days of taking out the policy. Also, should the employee move on to another job, the employer would have 30 days to cancel the policy. This will stop the practice of taking out policies without an employee's knowledge and maintaining the policy long after the employee has left the company.

Employees who find that their employer has taken out a policy in violation of this legislation would have the right to bring civil action against their employer to stop the company from holding the contract. Additionally, the employee could be awarded damages amounting to either \$500,000 or, in the case of a deceased employee, three times the amount of the benefit paid to the employer. In the case of a living employee, the employee would be

awarded three times the benefit as it exists on the date of action, whichever is greater.

I believe that taking out employer-owned life insurance policies on non-executive level employees is criminal, and my legislation would punish it accordingly by establishing such a violation as a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500,000 fine and imprisonment for up to one year.

This legislation would also commission a GAO study to examine the prevalence of these policies and the number of violations under this bill to ensure that we have the most accurate information on this practice.

Madam Speaker, each year companies spend \$8 billion in premiums on these policies. That is \$8 billion that could be directed toward employee healthcare, pensions and educational opportunities. Instead, it goes to what is essentially a game of Craps, where an employer is betting and banking against the employee's life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in eliminating this unjust practice.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MAXINE JAMES

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise with a heavy heart to remember my long time Chief of Staff and friend, Maxine James. Maxine passed away on September 21, 2009, after a lengthy illness. Prior to her retirement last year, Maxine served as my Chief of Staff from the time of my inauguration in 1989. She was an integral part of my career and I credit much of my success to her capable skills. Maxine was the consummate professional who served as my personal advisor and as Staff Developer for my office.

Maxine James was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. She was a long time resident of Newark until she purchased a home in East Orange 12 years ago. Maxine was always interested in being of service to the public at large. During her 15 years as a Community Affairs Department Staffer for Prudential Insurance Company, she served on the boards of directors of various community organizations including Second Chance, a program developed to help ex-offenders and the problem of recidivism; Newark House, a State run halfway house for prisoners and Newark Emergency Services for Families where she served the board as treasurer, vice president and president. During Maxine's tenure as president, NESF opened the first homeless shelter for families. It was while I served an executive at Prudential that I had the opportunity to meet this talented and promising young woman.

Maxine was an extraordinarily gifted woman who volunteered her skills and resources to assist others. She was only the third woman and first African-American woman to join the Newark Jaycees. She used her limited knowledge of campaigns and elections to mount a campaign for the position of external vice president which she won handily. Maxine enjoyed a vast network of friends and associates who will all miss her tremendously. Maxine

was a dedicated and caring mother to her two sons, Brian and Christopher as well as a devoted grandmother to Olivia and Malcolm.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that the Greater Newark Community has lost a visionary and friend in Maxine James. Her family, friends and associates can all be proud of the legacy she leaves behind.

OPPOSING MOTION TO RECOMMIT
H.R. 3221

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to voice my concern over the recent motion to recommit the bill HR 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, which passed the House on September 17, 2009.

The motion to recommit stated, in part, that no organization that has been indicted for any federal or state campaign finance or election law can be eligible for any federal government contract or grant. The motion specifically names the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) as an organization covered by the bill.

Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution clearly states, "No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed." Congress cannot legislatively punish an individual or specific class of people. The fact that the motion to recommit appears to meet both criteria for a bill of attainder—specificity and punishment—should give us pause. Legislation that could potentially violate the Constitution surely deserves more debate than twenty minutes.

The recent revelations regarding the conduct of some ACORN employees is disquieting and merits closer investigation; however it is not Congress' place to assign guilt and punishment. The Constitution affords all accused people the protections of the judicial system; Congress must allow the judicial branch to function properly. For this reason I opposed the motion to recommit, and I will oppose any legislation that attempts to punish an individual or specific class of people without the judicial protections afforded them by the Constitution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on September 23, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 732. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 732: No—on Motion to Adjourn.

HONORING MR. EDWARD C.
YBARRA, JR.

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, Central Catholic High School has a long and glorious

history in San Antonio. On March 25, 1852, it became the first boys' school to open in the city and it has served generations of San Antonio's young men. Now, one of Central's distinguished alumni, Edward C. Ybarra, Jr., is poised to become its 35th principal.

Mr. Ybarra first came to Central as a freshman in 1979 and, after graduating in 1983, went on to earn his degree from Texas Lutheran University. Central had clearly put its hold on him, however, and Ybarra returned to the school in 1987 to coach the basketball, football, track, and golf teams. He started teaching history the next year and, after earning his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio, became Assistant Principal for Student Development in 1997.

Over the years, he helped to forge Central into a second family and safe haven for its students and their families, efforts that earned him a nomination as Assistant Principal of the Year from the National Catholic Educational Association.

Edward Ybarra's successes stand as a testament to the strong foundation of his school-days at Central as the successes of his thousands of young charges reflect the quality of his leadership as a teacher and assistant principal. Both augur well for the successes to come to him and to Central under his leadership as president. The depth of his connection to the school over the past thirty years also speaks to the strength of community at Central Catholic High School.

Henry Adams once wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Edward Ybarra has affected eternity, and the world is better for it.

HONORING MR. PAUL E. ATKINSON

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Mr. Paul E. Atkinson, who died August 4, 2009 following a fall at his residence in Palo Alto, CA. He is survived by a son Paul E. Atkinson of Paris, France, a daughter Mary Hafner of Palo Alto, CA, and a son Peter Atkinson of Grand Junction, CO and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Atkinson was the long time President of Sun Ship, a leading shipyard nationally, and one of the largest employers in Delaware County, part of the District that I have the honor to represent. Very many of my constituents in Delaware County and in its surroundings worked at Sun Ship under the extraordinary leadership of Mr. Atkinson.

Among their many proud achievements were (1) the 590 foot HUGHES GLOMAR EXPLORER, built at the height of the Cold War for the CIA to secretly lift a sunken Soviet submarine from a three mile depth in the Pacific Ocean, (2) conversion of the tanker MANHATTAN into the largest icebreaker of all time, that successfully twice transited the Northwest Passage to Alaska and became the forerunner of the commercial commerce now beginning in the Arctic, and (3) construction of the largest solid rocket cases ever, begun in the period of President Kennedy's renowned reach into space.

With regret at Mr. Atkinson's passing but with thanks to him and those of my constituents who worked with him, I am pleased to add the following record of Mr. Atkinson's achievements.

Mr. Atkinson joined Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company in Chester, PA after graduating from the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in May 1942. Mr. Atkinson undertook many varied assignments in both new shipbuilding and ship repair operations during those war years and helped to guide Sun Ship into the post-war era with employment in the 5000 range, introduction of unions and participation in the postwar prosperity with new shipbuilding some 70% of manpower, burgeoning ship repair work 10–20% from increased Delaware River traffic and outside sales (non marine) work 10–20% from wind tunnels, the largest solid rocket cases ever built, much nuclear work for reactors, Savannah River and the Fernald Plant, paper mills, and key components of the Verrazano Bridge.

During the Korean War, Mr. Atkinson became General Superintendent of all operations and in 1956 he became Vice President of Operations. Large shipyards in the United States began with the invention of riveting and Sun Ship was no exception. In 1957, Mr. Atkinson led the complete rebuilding of the shipyard with fewer but greatly enlarged shipways into a true welding shipyard with several pioneering attributes, among them the largest floating drydock then in the United States.

A keen business participant well versed in the involvement of government in marine shipbuilding contracts whether through subsidy or mortgage guarantee, Mr. Atkinson looked for a better way. He became Sun Ship President in 1961. In 1965 he saw a shipping need and a Navy budgetary impediment under Defense Secretary McNamara. Mr. Atkinson conceived the gas turbine propelled ADM. WM. M. CALLAGHAN, and with an established ship operator, Sun Ship formed a joint venture that built, chartered and operated the ship for decades for the Navy.

Building on that success, Mr. Atkinson, was an early pioneer in the development of roll-on/roll-off (ro/ros) vessels. During 1965–1977 Sun Ship constructed ten ro/ros, five 80,000 ton tankers, several 120,000 ton tankers, placing many of those ships in build and charter subsidiaries under the shipping diversification strategy he pioneered at Sun Ship. Among these was TOTE, a dry cargo roll-on/roll-off shipping company, wholly owned by Sun Ship, operating to Alaska. Today it is a leading successful, unsubsidized, American flag operator. During that period, under Mr. Atkinson the yard converted the MANHATTAN for her two pioneering ice-breaking voyages through the Northwest Passage to Alaska and built the legendary HUGHES GLOMAR EXPLORER to secretly lift a sunken Soviet submarine from three miles deep in the Pacific at the height of the Cold War.

Atkinson was a Trustee of Webb Institute for many years and a recipient of its coveted William Selkirk Owen Award. He was a member of the American Bureau of Shipping, and their Technical Committee. He also was a director of the Shipbuilders Council of America, and a member and technical representative of Lloyd's American Committee. He received the prestigious Sea Grant Association award and was active personally and through Sun Ship

with the University of Delaware College of Marine Studies at Lewes, DE. He was Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and active in similar civic organizations.

TRIBUTE TO HON. RENEE JONES WEEKS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to recognize the Honorable Renee Jones Weeks for her many years of service to the community and to congratulate her upon her retirement from the Chancery Division, Superior Court of New Jersey (Essex Vicinage). Appointed to the Bench on July 14, 1989, Judge Weeks has served in the Family Part, Criminal Part and Civil Part. She has also served in two counties, Essex and Union during her tenure.

Judge Weeks has been actively engaged in various organizations throughout her career. She was a Co-Incorporator of the Garden State Bar Association, Co-Founder and First President of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey and Past Secretary of the Garden State Bar Association. She also served as Vice President of the National Bar Association, President of the Women's Division of the National Bar Association and Financial Secretary, Chair-Elect and Chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association.

A graduate of Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey and Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio, Judge Weeks has served on several committees of the New Jersey Supreme Court. She is the recipient of numerous awards and was the first Black Trustee of the Essex County Bar Association. Judge Weeks is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a past Board Member of the New Jersey State Opera and a former Court Liaison to CASA (the Court Appointed Child Advocacy Program).

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Judge Weeks is an excellent role model for women and minorities in the legal profession. She will leave a lasting impact on those who were fortunate enough to benefit from her guidance. I am pleased to join all those in attendance at a Retirement Party in her honor in wishing her a wonderful retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SERGEANT RONNIE O'NEAL BROWN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Sergeant Ronnie O'Neal Brown, a nearly 20-year-veteran of the Polk County Sheriffs Office, who recently passed as a result of injury suffered in the line of duty. He worked tirelessly to provide the citizens of Polk County with safety and service.

Sergeant Brown was hired as a detention deputy in October 1989 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in April 1997. He was most recently assigned to the South County Jail in Frostproof, Florida as a supervisor in Delta Platoon.

Sgt. Brown was injured in the line of duty on Sunday, August 30, 2009, after responding to a disturbance in an unruly prisoner's cell in the South County Jail. On Monday, September 7, 2009, he passed away.

During his nearly 20-year career, Sgt. Brown was known for his professionalism, attention to detail, positive influence on those around him, and his excellent work ethic. His personnel file is filled with accolades and letters of recognition for his hard work and dedication to the agency and to his fellow agency members. In May 2007, he and two other detention deputies were awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for providing CPR to an unresponsive inmate in the jail. It is quite clear that Sgt. Brown demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a respected and model member of the Polk County Sheriffs Office.

Sgt. Brown was a loving husband, proud father, and devoted friend. He is survived by his wife Albertina Brown, a detention deputy assigned to the inmate booking area in Bartow, Florida, and one daughter.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Sgt. Brown's extraordinary life and many accomplishments within the Polk County Sheriffs Office. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. Sgt. Brown was an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend him for his contributions to his community and the many lives that he touched while serving as a shining example of his legacy.

HONORING DENNIS L. MARTIRE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dennis L. Martire, Vice President and Regional Manager of the Laborers' International Union of North America. Throughout his career, Mr. Martire has shown exceptional leadership and has worked tirelessly for laborers.

In 1990 Mr. Martire began his career as an International Representative for the Laborers' International Union of North America, LIUNA, Jurisdictional Disputes Department. Since then, Mr. Martire has assumed various leadership positions within LIUNA. He became Assistant Director, and then Director, of the Laborers' Construction Department. In March 2000, Mr. Martire became Assistant Regional Manager of the Mid-Atlantic Region of LIUNA, and was elected Vice President and Regional Manager just 2 years later.

In addition to Mr. Martire's role within LIUNA, he also serves on various committees, boards, and organizations committed to advancing the laborers' cause. Mr. Martire serves as a Trustee on several organizations,

such as the Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America, the LIUNA National Health and Welfare Fund, and the Laborers-AGC Education and Training Fund. Mr. Martire also serves as the Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Employers Cooperation and Education Trust, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Organizing Coalition, and the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League.

In recognition of Mr. Martire's hard work and dedication, he will be presented with the Labor Man of the Year Award at the Friends of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332 Annual Black Tie Charity dinner.

Mr. Martire's impressive career with the Laborers' International Union of North America showcases his commitment and drive to promote the wellbeing of LIUNA and its members. His work clearly exemplifies his personal mission to improve working conditions and provide all laborers with well-paying, secure jobs.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND BRANDO IBARRA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention to the work of an outstanding individual, Reverend Brando Ibarra, who was recognized on Friday, September 25, 2009 for his ten years of dedicated service to the people of his community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for he has been a true public servant and someone whose spiritual commitment has enhanced countless lives.

Father Brando was born on November 14, 1970, in El Doncello, Colombia. He came to the United States and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Seton Hall University. He went on to graduate with a Masters of Theology degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelien Seminary, in Illinois.

He was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Frank J. Rodimer on September 25, 1999 at St. John's Cathedral in Paterson, New Jersey. He served his Deacon Internship as a Parochial Vicar and Temporary Administrator at Saint Margaret Parish in Morristown, New Jersey for the next seven years. In 2006, he was called on to serve as Parochial Vicar of St. Gerard Majella Church in Paterson. In 2007, he was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, where he remains. Father Brando became a citizen of the United States of America on January 14, 2009.

His dedication to his ministry and to helping others reaches far beyond the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua. He is a member of the Paterson Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Spiritual Advisor of Hispanic Cursillos de Cristiandad, and a member of the Diocesan Vocation Board. He is a Chaplain for the Morris County Jail, and is a member of the Pas-saic Alliance Advisory Board Committee.

Father Brando is committed to nurturing and supporting others in their work in ministry. He is a staff member and lecturer in theology for the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown. He serves as the President of the Association of Colombian Priests in the USA, and is a Board Member the National Association of Hispanic Priests.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing

the efforts of individuals like Reverend Brando Ibarra.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Father Brando's family and friends,

all those who have been spiritually enriched by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Reverend Brando Ibarra.